State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070114531
Court File No. 07-CR-26-4802

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH LEE FRADET DOB: 12/28/2000

1023 N Broad Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk
Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1
Maximum Sentence: 5 years or $10,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26033611

Charge Description: On or about October 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Lee Fradet, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT II

Charge: Domestic Assault-Felony
Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4
Maximum Sentence: 5 years or $10,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26033611

Charge Description: On or about October 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Lee Fradet did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, commit an act with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT III

Charge: Violate No Contact Order - Within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions
Minnesota Statute: 629.75.2(d)(1)
Maximum Sentence: 30 days to 5 years or $10,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/17/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26033611

Charge Description: On or about October 17, 2026, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Joseph Lee Fradet did violate a Domestic Abuse No-Contact Order and the respondent or person to be restrained knew of the existence of the order and the violation within ten years of the first of two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On October 18th, 2026, Officer Christ of the Mankato Department of Public Safety responded to report of a domestic assault that occurred at a residence within the City of Mankato. Officer Christ met with Victim 1 who stated that her significant other, Joseph Lee Fradet (DOB: 12/28/2000), had assaulted her and threatened to shoot her.

Victim 1 told Officer Christ that she was the protected party in a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order ("DANCO") involving Fradet. Officer Christ observed that there was an active DANCO in 07-CR-26-1367, which precluded Fradet from having any contact, direct or indirect, with Victim 1. The DANCO was signed by a district court judge and served upon Fradet on April 6, 2026, and remained active at the time of this incident.

While speaking with Officer Christ, Victim 1 reported that she had been involved in a significant romantic and sexual relationship with Fradet. Victim 1 stated that her and Fradet had been living together for the last month at Fradet's residence as Victim 1 was attempting to move out of her residence. Victim 1 stated that she and Fradet had been having sexual relations.

Victim 1 reported that during the evening of October 17th, 2026, Fradet had been consuming alcoholic beverages and became agitated and belligerent toward Victim 1. Eventually Victim 1 made food for Fradet and Victim 1 stated that Fradet became upset because the food was not fresh. Fradet then began yelling things about Victim 1's children and woke them up. Victim 1 attempted to calm Fradet down and get him to lay down but he got in Victim 1's face. When Victim 1 attempted to calm Fradet down, Fradet threatened to kill Victim 1 telling her that he would shoot her.

Victim 1 reported that she was scared when Fradet made the threats. Victim 1 told Officer Christ that Fradet then began hitting Victim 1 while Victim 1 attempted to shield herself from Fradet by kneeling down in the fetal position with her hands over her head. Victim 1 stated that Fradet hit her in the back of the head twice, which caused her to feel dizzy, lightheaded, and nauseous. Victim 1 told Officer Christ that she thought she was going to die.

Victim 1 showed Officer Christ various Snapchat messages between her and Fradet, including one message where Fradet references shooting Victim 1. Officer Christ also noted a missed call from Fradet from approximately 51 minutes prior to his meeting with Victim 1.

Officer Christ contacted Fradet who stated that he was not at his residence and was staying elsewhere for at least a week. Fradet also stated that he had been in communication with and having sexual relations with another woman with the same name as Victim 1 but that it was not Victim 1. Fradet stated that on the evening of October 17th he was with a friend. Fradet declined to give Officer Christ the friends name or where he was.

Officer Christ also spoke with Witness 1 who stated that Victim 1 and her children came over to her residence near midnight on October 17th or October 18th. Witness 1 stated that Victim 1 was crying and shaking and appeared as if she had left Fradet's residence in a hurry. Witness 1 stated that Victim 1 appeared terrified and claimed that her head hurt and that Fradet had hit her.

Fradet has at least two (2) Qualifying Domestic Violence Related Convictions within the last 10 years including a conviction for Misdemeanor Domestic Assault in 70-CR-19-12470 (convicted on or about 05/03/2021) and a conviction for Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault in 07-CR-25-966 (convicted on or about April 13, 2026).

SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

Complainant

Ken Baker
Commander/Patrol Division
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3144

Electronically Signed:
11/10/2026 04:26 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin R. Chapman
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
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Electronically Signed:
11/10/2026 02:02 PM

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

[X] SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

[ ] WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

[ ] ***Execute in MN Only*** [ ] ***Execute Nationwide*** [ ] ***Execute in Border States***

[ ] ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: $
Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: November 12, 2026.

Judicial Officer Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/12/2026 08:33 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Summons upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: